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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP. CAPITAL, \$5,000,000. INSTALMENT received on } 926,765.62 NEW SHARES, \$3,198,336.43

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000. INSTALMENT of PREMIUM paid on NEW SHARES, \$68,336.43

\$5,826,765.62

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will conduct our Business at this port and all Communications should be addressed to them.

Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will also act as Agents at this port for our line of Steamers.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO. Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

## Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has resumed Charge as SECRETARY of the Society.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, October 29, 1883. nob

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents of the CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, ARNTHOLD, KARBERG & CO. Hongkong, October 20, 1883. nob

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c. Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions or Premiums for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the PROPORTION OF PROFIT for that year to be Paid as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORSES may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th November next, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Board,

## Intimations.

### GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in Exchange for BILLS, drawn on Demand on the Government of India, Calcutta, will be RECEIVED by the CHIEF PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, until 12, Noon, on MONDAY NEXT, the 5th Instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required (in Rupees), and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn; but no Bill will be issued for sums below Rs. 10,000.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to "The Chief Paymaster," Army Pay Department, and endorsed "Army Pay Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders is reserved.

AUG. 8. MURRAY, Lieut.-Col., Chief Paymaster.

TREASURY CHEST OFFICE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 2nd November, 1883. nob

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

RATES OF O. M. M. O.S.S. AND GEN. SUBJECT @ 5% DIS.

TEA AND SILK FROM H.K. 1 2

OTHER MERCHANTISE FROM HONGKONG. 3

TEA AND SILK FROM CANTON (TRANSHIPMENT AT H.K.) 21a. 16s.

OTHER MERCHANTISE FROM CANTON (TRANSHIPMENT AT HONGKONG). 16s.

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GOODS FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL, TRANSHIPMENT IN LONDON, 1/2 OVER RATES TO LONDON.

SILK FOR MARSEILLE, 5% UNDER RATES TO LONDON.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS, &c., &c.

MARINE INSURANCE, PARTICIPATION IN PROFITS.

THE Undersigned will return to each Insurer through them 33 1/3% of any profit there may be on his account for the 12 months ending the 30th April in each year. In this first settlement, only transactions initiated between this date and the 30th April next will be included.

The settlement will be made so soon as the Risks covered in each period have run off, and will be based on the difference between Net Premium received, and Losses and Claims paid.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS, &c., &c.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS AT ALL HOURS.

TIFFIN ROOMS, BILLIARD ROOM, AND READING ROOM.

N.B.—NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR THE USE OF READING AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARD AND LODGING can be made by applying to MRS. P. SMITH, ON THE PREMISES, BEACONFIELD ACADEMY.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 18, 1883. nob

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**MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
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(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),  
A R E N O W L A N D I N G  
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C O M P A N Y ' S B I C U S T S in 5 lb  
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Soda BISCUITS.  
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Small HOMINY.  
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White BEANS.  
TOPICAL BUTTER.  
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COFFEE in Tin.  
Prim HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb cans.  
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Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
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TOMATOES.  
SUCOTASH.  
ERAWIN.  
Maple SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Corn STARCH.  
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**FAIRBANKS' SCALES.**  
400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. " "  
1,000 lb. " "  
1,200 lb. " "

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES and HATCHETS.  
AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFFLE IRONS.  
SMOOTHING IRONS.  
PAINTS and OILS.  
TALLOW and TAR.  
VARNISHES.

**DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL**  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O B E S ,

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BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
CAVIA.  
ASPARAGUS.  
SOUPS, &c.

TESSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.  
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COCOATINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
LIEBIG & ETC'S COCOA.  
FRENCH PLUMS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.  
SAUSAGES.  
BROWN.

DANISH BUTTER.

**SPARTAN**  
COOKING STOVES.

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ELECTRO-PLATE.

CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.

CLARETS—

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CHATEAU LA TOUR, pinte & quart.

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BREAKFAST CLARET, "

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SAUCONNE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

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BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3-star HENNESSY's BRANDY.

BONCIE DUBONIE & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

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CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE

BITTERS.

&c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pinte and quart.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pinte and quart.

draught ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

**C I G A R S .**

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Long, July 10, 1883.

## Intimations.

Dysentery, Cholera, Fever,  
Auge, Coughs, Colds, &c.

Dr. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S  
**CHLORODYNE**

(Ex Army Med. Staff)  
IS THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY  
GENUINE.

CAUTION.—Vice-Chancellor Sir W. P. Wood stated that Dr. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the inventor of Chlorodyne; that the story of the American Freeman being the inventor was deliberately untrue, which he regretted had been sworn to. Eminent Hospital Physicians of London stated that Dr. J. Collis Browne was the discoverer of Chlorodyne; that they prosecute it largely, and mean no other than Dr. Browne's.—See Times, July 12, 1883.

The public, therefore, are cautioned against using any other than

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S  
CHLORODYNE.

REMEDIAL USES AND ACTION.

This invaluable remedy produces quiet, refreshing sleep, relieves pain, calms the system, restores the deranged functions, and stimulates healthy action of the secretions of the body, without creating any of those unpleasant results attending the use of opium. Old and young may take it at all hours and times when requisite. Thousands of persons testify to its marvellous good effects and wonderful cures, while medical men extol its virtues most extensively.

CHLORODYNE is admitted by the profession to be the most wonderful and valuable remedy ever discovered.

CHLORODYNE is the best remedy known for Coughs, Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma.

CHLORODYNE effectively checks and arrests those two often fatal diseases—Diphtheria, Fever, Croup, Ague.

CHLORODYNE acts like a charm in Diarrhoea, and is the only specific in Cholera and Dysentery.

CHLORODYNE effectively cuts short all attacks of Epilepsy, Hysteria, Palpitation and Spasms.

CHLORODYNE is the only palliative in Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Gout, Cancer, Toothache, Meningitis, &c.

From Symes & Co., Pharmaceutical Chemists, Medical Hall, Sincia, January 5, 1880. To J. T. Davenport, Esq., 33, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, London.—"Dear Sir, we embrace this opportunity of congratulating you upon the wide-spread reputation this justly-esteemed medical Doctor, Dr. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne, has earned for itself, not only in Hindostan, but all over the East. As a remedy of general utility, we much question whether a better is imported into the country, and we shall be glad to hear of its finding a place in every Anglo-Indian home. The other brands, we are happy to say, are now relegated to the native bazaars, and, failing from their sale, we fancy their owners there will be but evanescent. We could multiply instances of triumphs of the extraordinary efficacy of Dr. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne in Diarrhoea and Dysentery, Spasms, Cramps, Neuralgia, the Vomiting of Pregnancy, and as a general sedative, that have occurred under our personal observation during many years. In Cholera Diarrhoea, and even in the more terrible forms of Cholera itself, we have witnessed its surprisingly controlling power. We have never used any other form of this medicine than Dr. Collis Browne's, from a firm conviction that it is decidedly the best, and also from a sense of duty we owe to the profession and the public, as we are of opinion that the substitution of any other than Collis Browne's is a deliberate breach of faith on the part of the chemist to prescriber and patient alike. We are, sir, faithfully yours, Symes & Co., Members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, His Excellency the Viceregal Chemists."

Extract from the General Board of Health, London as to its efficacy in Cholera.

"So strongly are we convinced of the immense value of this remedy that we cannot too forcibly urge the necessity of adopting it in all cases."

CAUTION.—None genuine without the words "Dr. J. Collis Browne's" on the Government Stamp. Overwhelming medical testimony accompanies each bottle.

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J. T. D A V E N P O R T,  
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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the offices

are regularly filed for the inspection of  
Advertisers and the Public.

London, November 1, 1883. no13

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Nov. 3, 1883.

Stocks Nos. of Shares Value Paid up Reserve Working Account Last Dividends Quotations Cash.

BANKS & CO. 125 \$ 125 \$ 3,198,336 \$ 5,509,62 £2 191 1/2 = \$3633

INSURANCE 1,000 TL 2,000 TL 600 TL 400,000 TL 230,464.77 TL 75 TL 1,400 p. sh.

Yangtze Ins. 1,200 TL 350 TL 125 TL 500,000 \$ 305,591.18 TL 101.5

Union Ins. Soc. 2,000 \$ 1,250 \$ 125 \$ 500,000 \$ 376,391.05 TL 18.25

China Trade 24,000 \$ 83,338 \$ 25 \$ 600,000 \$ 107,411.65 TL 22

Oton Ins. Office 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 50 TL 500,127.77 TL 100

Chinese Ins. Co. 1,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 \$ 100,378 TL 397.18 TL 20

H.K. Fire Ins. 6,000 \$ 250 \$ 250 \$ 881,000 \$ 250,732.56 TL 920 TL 350

China Fire Ins. 20,000 \$ 100 \$ 20 \$ 500,000 \$ 104,366.41 TL 33.00

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100%.

STEAM C FANIES  
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat 8,000 \$ 100 \$ 75.8 200,000 \$ 4,320.95 6% \$123

Indo-China S. 200,000 \$ 10 \$ 10 Debit 25% div.

B. S. Coy. 3,500 \$ 100 \$ 21

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of the Registrar General to the members, making their number six.

The changes to be effected in the constitution of the Legislative Council are not only more interesting to the community at large, but are more important in themselves. As our readers are aware, there are at the present moment practically only two unofficial members of the Council—Mr. Ryrie and Mr. Johnson. There should be four, but the Surveyor General occupies one of the unofficial seats, and the other has remained vacant for some time. The Registrar General does not fill it, as he is an addition to the official side of the Council, by virtue of his office, in accordance with a telegram received from the Home Government in April last. His Excellency's recommendations to the Home Government for the re-constitution of the Council were, in effect, that the Surveyor General should pass over to the official side of the Chamber, and that the Officer commanding the troops should have a seat on the Council. Then the official members of the Council would be as follows:—

Official. (3)  
1. The Governor (President).  
2. The Officer Commanding the Troops.  
3. The Chief Justice.  
4. The Colonial Secretary.  
5. The Attorney General.  
6. The Treasurer.  
7. The Surveyor-General.  
8. The Registrar General.

His Excellency also proposed there should be six unofficial members, as against eight official ones. Of these six, two should be appointed, as a general rule, on the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce; one on that of the Bench of Justices of the Peace; while one should be a member of the Chinese community. All should be nominated for 6 years, but should be eligible for re-appointment.

The Home Government agrees in the main with Sir George Bowen's proposals, but struck out the name of the Officer commanding the troops on the official side of the Council, and reduces the proposed number of unofficial members by one—five, instead of six.

Finally we may therefore say, the new Legislative Council will be composed as follows:—

Official. (7)  
1. The Governor (President).  
2. The Chief Justice.  
3. The Colonial Secretary.  
4. The Attorney General.  
5. The Treasurer.  
6. The Surveyor-General.  
7. The Registrar General.  
8. The Officer Commanding the Troops.

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Official. (5)  
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2. The Chief Justice.  
3. The Colonial Secretary.  
4. The Attorney General.  
5. The Treasurer.  
6. The Surveyor-General.  
7. The Registrar General.

That this reconstruction of the Legislative Council will be viewed with the liveliest satisfaction in the Colony there can be no manner of doubt. Sir George Bowen, introducing this strong unofficial element into the Council, shows himself to be a Governor who has no fear of an independent Legislative body, and who really desires to do his best for the interests of the Colony. Sir John Pope Hennessy declared loudly how he had the welfare of Hongkong at heart, and how greatly he respected the opinions of other persons, but he displayed no readiness to fill up a vacant seat on the Council, and he never, so far as we are aware, even suggested to the Home Government that an increase in the unofficial element in the Council was desirable.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH MAIL, per the M. M. steamer *Iwanadji*, may be expected to arrive here to-morrow morning.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, per the O. & O., a steamer *Cyrus*, may be expected to arrive here on or about Thursday, the 8th instant. She brings San Francisco dates to the 11th October.

The next ENGLISH MAIL, per the P. & O. steamer *Nepal*, may be expected to arrive here on or about Friday, the 9th instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bellerophon* left Singapore on the 31st ultimo; due here on or about the 6th instant.

The Eastern & Australian Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tarantula* left Port Darwin for Hongkong on the 28th ultimo; due here on or about the 7th instant.

The hull of the Earl of *Elgin* has been sold at Shanghai for £1,200.

This P. & O. steamer *Nepal*, with the next English Mail, left Singapore at eight o'clock this morning for Hongkong.

We publish in another column a communication from our special correspondent, whom we again despatched to Tonquin about a week ago.

We note the return, per S. S. *Grenadier*, of Mr. James Parker, chief clerk of the *Magistracy*, who has enjoyed a twelve months' holiday in England.

Mr. R. A. Mowat, who was asked to arbitrate in the *Yantze-Kiang* collision case, says the *N. C. D. News*, gave his award in favour of the *Kiang* on Monday afternoon, the 28th ult. This in part corroborates the information we supplied to our readers regarding this case on Wednesday evening last.

A MARRIAGE was brought up before the Magistrate to-day, charged with having set fire to a bed in a brothel in Stanley Street. It appeared from the evidence given that the defendant was sleeping in a room by himself, when it was discovered by some of the inmates of the house that there was a fire in the room, and on the door being opened, the bed was found to be burning. How the fire started is not known. The hearing of the case was adjourned.

An Italian Opera is to be performed by the pupils of the Italian Convent on Monday, the 6th instant, and the Lady Superior, relying on the benevolence and charity of the kind friends of the Institution, has sent out several invitations, trusting that those invited will not fail to honour the entertainment with their presence on the day mentioned. No children under ten are to be admitted on this day—but the Superior will have much pleasure in fixing a special day for them.

THERE was quite a gathering of friends and well-wishers on board the S. S. *Thales* this afternoon to bid good-bye to Sir Walter Medhurst. Amongst them were the Hon. J. Russell, the Hon. F. B. Johnson, the Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs T. Jackson, H. L. Dalrymple, Dr. Lisear, Sache, Capt. Rowe, J. Lepruk, Dr. Van der Horck, and a number of other gentlemen. When the time for the vessel's departure came, the company drank to the health and prosperity of Sir Walter, and souvenirs were exchanged, a party of his friends accompanying the vessel some way down the harbour, in a steam-launch flying the North Borneo Company's flag.

At about five o'clock this morning, a match, occupied by some workmen engaged erecting a house for Dr. Ho Kai, a little above Robinson Road, caught fire, and in a few seconds was reduced to dust and ashes. A considerable quantity of timber logs to be used in the building was lying quite close to the shed, but, fortunately, the progress of the fire was arrested by a European foreman and some coolies, before it got a firm hold of the logs, a number of which were completely charred at the end nearest the fire. Burning matches is supposed to have been the cause of the fire. If what is said is true, "Joss" is responsible for an enormous number of fires in the East. The Government and Volunteer brigades turned out, but it attempt was made to take the engines to the scene of the blaze, as the fire had burned itself out before the men had mustered.

In reference to the Chinese policeman who was lately found drowned, the *Chung-nan-pao* quotes the *Shu-king*—“Do not rely on your power to exercise oppression; do not rely on the laws to practise extortion.” This paper has a very poor opinion of the native police. It says gambling by *fan-je* is rampant in the Colony; and, seemingly, it could give important information to the Government. But why does not the Government ask the native police?

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His Imperial Majesty's steam corvette *Stein*, Captain von Neulitz, from Kiel via Cape Town, arrived at Singapore on the 24th ultimo. The *Straits Times* says the *Stein* is a sister ship of the *Stosch*, flagship of Rear Admiral von der Goltz on the China Station, and is a vessel of 2,000 tons register, carrying a crew of 450 men, and armed with 18 guns. She has a relief crew on board for the *Stosch*, which will transfer to the latter at Hongkong, and will then return to Singapore.

Melbourne, Sept. 22.—At the Conference of the Chambers of Commerce and Manufactures, held to-day, it was resolved:—“1. That, in view of the rapid progress of the Australian colonies, the time has arrived for all to sink minor differences, and combine to form a united dominion in Australia. 2. That, as a prelude to federation, the Government be urged to try and arrange for intercolonial free trade in colonial goods. 3. That, failing this, the Government be urged to arrange for intercolonial free trade in all goods upon which the duties are the same in all the colonies. 4. That, in the opinion of this conference, Parliament should be allowed an early opportunity of discussing the desirability of repealing the ship tax, as recommended by the Royal Commission on the Tariff.”

That the conference specially urges upon the Government the importance of arranging for free interchange in colonial wines, more especially as between New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, the amount of the duty collected being wholly inadequate to compensate for the disadvantages attendant upon the imposition of the tax.”

It will be seen from the following letter, written by the Nanchang correspondent of the *N. C. D. News* on the 26th ultimo, that active military operations are going on among the Chinese in that remote out-port:—“Yesterday General Wu passed through the Settlement, escorted by the Tactal. I hear that some 3,000 soldiers are to be forwarded by C.M.S.N. Co.'s steamers to Tientsin, to assist Li Hung-chang, some say in defence of Tonquin. The General has been nearly three years at Kien, whence he promised assistance of 3,000 men for Li may reach this in a few days. Large quantities of machinery have been imported from time to time, and been sent to General Wu's Arsenal under the supervision of experts. Whether the machinery for powder-mills, etc., has been put in working order we have not been told, but the Government seem to be very active in preparing against invasion. Four miles to the west of the British Concession, large forts and camps have been constructed; and if the heavy, seven-ten-ton, guns are properly put up, an invading force, should it come that way, which by the bye is not at all necessary, would have a warm reception.”

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Tonquin, Oct. 29.—After anything but a pleasant run from Hongkong, I arrived here safely yesterday afternoon. Nothing occurred to make it worth while giving you any account of the short voyage to this port, which I have described on a former occasion, only I may, I think, from my own experience, offer, to anyone who may propose to do as I did—take passage during a strong monsoon in a small and empty steamer. My Punch's advice to those about to get married, “Don't.”

My fellow passengers in the S. S. *Saltire* were M. Dupuis, the Tonquin explorer, a most entertaining companion de voyage, and two Chinese mandarins with about half-a-dozen wives and a like number of children divided between them, and a perfect mountain of anti-diluvian looking baggage, for Holow. It took three mortal hours to tranship these officials and their appur-

tenances, animate and inanimate, and severely taxed the carrying capacities of a whole fleet of Holow sailing boats to land them.

The appearance of Haiphong has undergone little change since last August. The work of road-making within the Concession has not been continued with the vigour with which it was commenced by Consul Forester. Some new timber and wattie erections have been put up in conjunction with the buildings at the China Merchants' wharf for the accommodation of the expected reinforcements, and some other houses of the same nature, also for the use of the troops, have been erected close by the entrance from the native town to the Concession.

The transport *Arycra*, with the first considerable instalment of the new reinforcements, has not yet arrived, but is daily expected. The *Stone*, with about 250 marine infantry, reached here last week, and, after discharging her passengers, left again for Saigon and Europe.

The threatened attack on Haiphong by a strong band of pirates has not yet taken place, but the force in question, numbering about 1,200 men, is known to be within five miles of the town still, and the anticipated raid is looked forward to with considerable dread. The garrison, however, has been strengthened, and now amounts to about 300 infantry and a few Annamite tirailleurs, with one regular gun-boat, the *Kersiau*, I believe, and two of the small river gun-boats to assist. A small platoon of men is posted at Mount Elephant, and one of the river boats cruises daily up the creek between that post and Haiphong.

The Admiral and M. Hamard are both at present at Hanoi; the latter is, it is said, suffering from ill-health, and he proposes, shortly, to take two months' leave of absence. The friction between military and civil authorities does not appear to be lessened by General Bouet's resignation and departure, but I will say nothing on this subject now, as I am expecting some important intelligence with regard to the present state of affairs between Admiral Courbet and the Commissary General from Hanoi to-morrow, and I have not yet had time to hunt up much information on the position.

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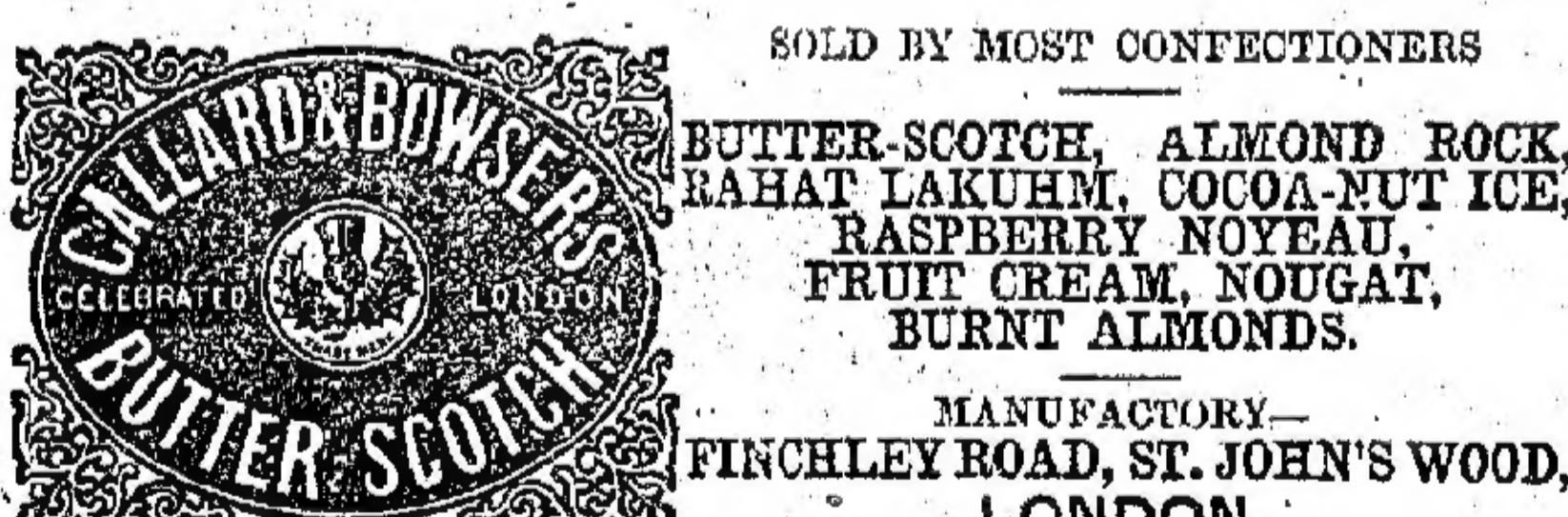
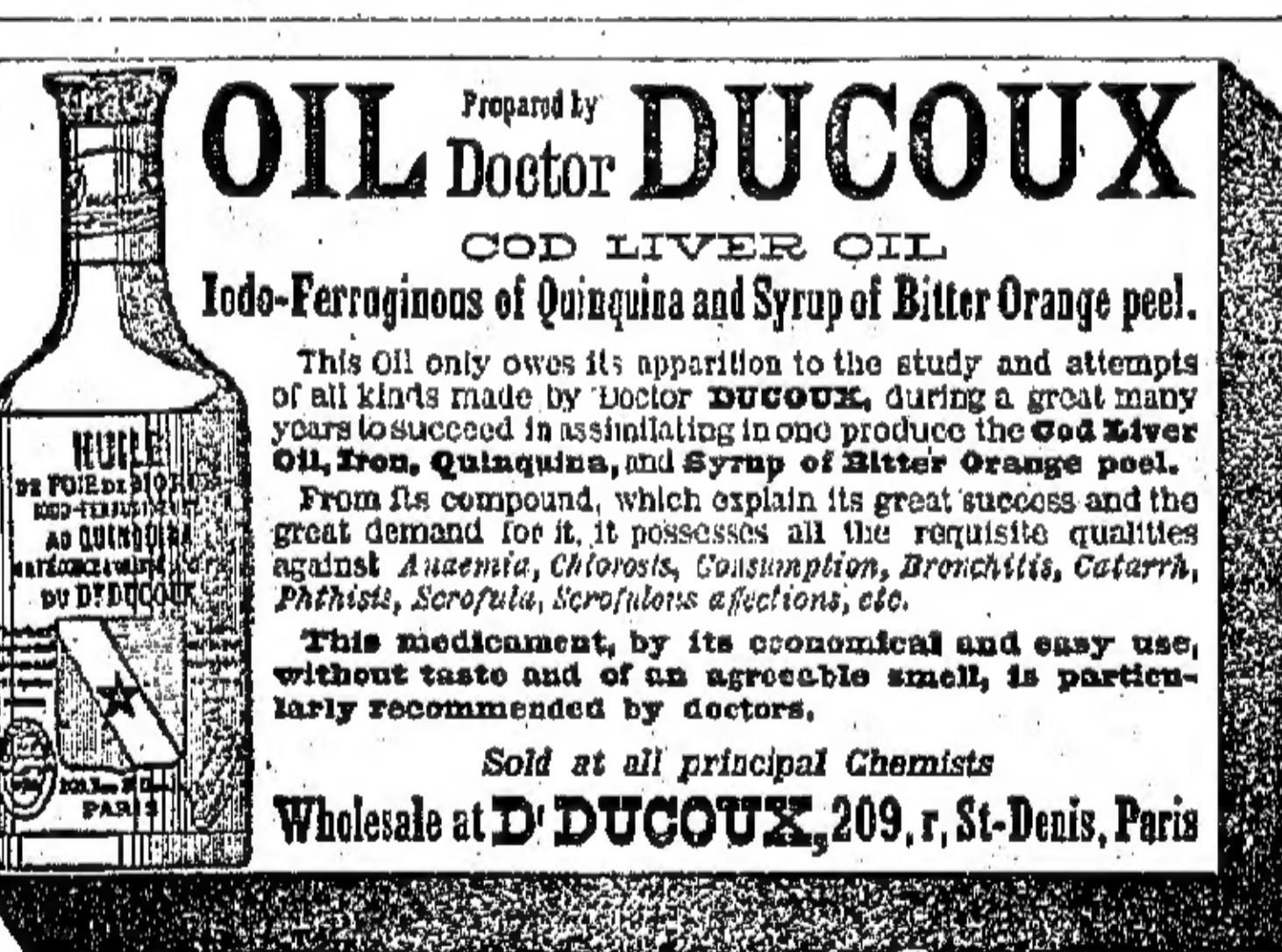
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